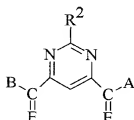


# CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CN, or CF<sub>3</sub>;

E is independently O or S,

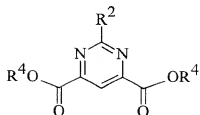
A and B independently are OR<sup>4</sup> or NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently are H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> aryl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> cycloalkyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> heteroaryl, or R<sup>4</sup>

and R<sup>5</sup> when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6.

2. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula II



II

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

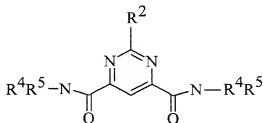
C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃; and

each R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)ₙ aryl, (CH₂)ₙ cycloalkyl, (CH₂)ₙ heteroaryl, or R⁴

and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted.

- 3 A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula III



III

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃,

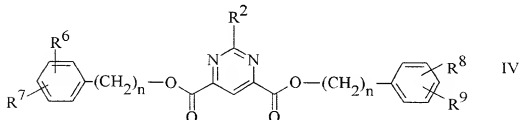
R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)ₙ aryl, (CH₂)ₙ cycloalkyl, (CH₂)ₙ heteroaryl, or R⁴

and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon

atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted.

4. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula IV

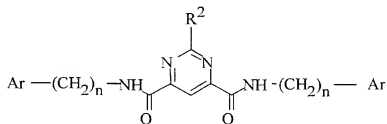


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein n is 0 to 6;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CN, or CF<sub>3</sub>; each R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently are H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> aryl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> cycloalkyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> heteroaryl, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted, and R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, and R<sup>9</sup> independently are hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, nitro, or NH<sub>2</sub>

5. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula V



V

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein n is 0 to 6;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>

alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CN, or CF<sub>3</sub>;

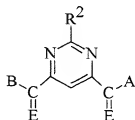
- 5 R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently are H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> aryl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> cycloalkyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> heteroaryl, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

Each Ar independently is aryl or Het,

Aryl is phenyl or substituted phenyl;

Het is an unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl group

- 15 6. A compound having Formula I



I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>

alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CN, or CF<sub>3</sub>,

E is independently O or S,

A and B independently are OR<sup>4</sup> or NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently are H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>

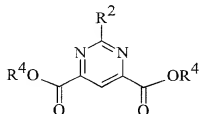
alkynyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> aryl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> cycloalkyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> heteroaryl, or R<sup>4</sup>

and R<sup>5</sup> when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are

attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6

- 5 7 A compound of Formula II



II

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy,

C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CN, or CF<sub>3</sub>; and

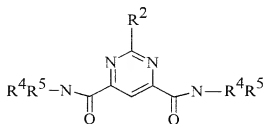
each R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently are H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> aryl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> cycloalkyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> heteroaryl, or R<sup>4</sup>

and R<sup>5</sup> when taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S,

or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6

8. A compound of Formula III



III

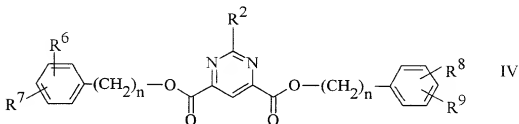
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy,

C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CN, or CF<sub>3</sub>,

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently are H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl,  $(CH_2)_n$  aryl,  $(CH_2)_n$  cycloalkyl,  $(CH_2)_n$  heteroaryl, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted; n is an integer from 0 to 6.

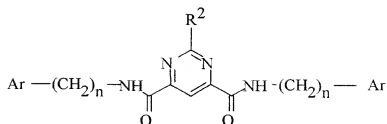
9 A compound of Formula IV



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Each n independently is an integer of from 0 to 6;  $R^2$  is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl,  $NO_2$ ,  $NR^4R^5$ , CN, or  $CF_3$ ; and  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ , and  $R^9$  independently are hydrogen, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, nitro, or  $NH_2$ ;

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently are H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl,  $(CH_2)_n$  aryl,  $(CH_2)_n$  cycloalkyl,  $(CH_2)_n$  heteroaryl, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted.

10. A compound of Formula V



V

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein n is 0 to 6;

$R^2$  is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$

alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{NR}^4\text{R}^5$ , CN, or  $\text{CF}_3$ ;

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently are H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$

alkynyl,  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$  aryl,  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$  cycloalkyl,  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$  heteroaryl, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$

when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete

a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally

containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally  
substituted or unsubstituted

Each Ar independently is aryl or Het;

Aryl is phenyl or substituted phenyl;

Het is an unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl group

11. A compound selected from:

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-chloro-benzylamide), [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide].

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (4-methoxy-benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide), (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide),  
(3-pyridylmethylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide).  
(3-thiophenemethylamide),

5 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzooxadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];

10 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, (4-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid bis-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl) ester,

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-chloro-benzylamide);

15 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-  
amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-methoxy-benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carboxy-benzylamide), and

20 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide)

12. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising an MMP-13 inhibiting amount  
of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,  
together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

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13. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an  
MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula II, or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically  
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient

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14 The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an  
MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula III, or a



pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

15. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an  
5 MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula IV, or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically  
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient
16. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an  
10 MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula V, or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically  
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.
17. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising a  
15 compound selected from:  
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-chloro-benzylamide), [(1,3-  
benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];  
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), [(1,3-  
benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide].  
20 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (4-methoxy-  
benzylamide),  
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (3-methoxy-  
benzylamide),  
25 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide),  
(3-methoxy-benzylamide),  
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide),  
(3-pyridylmethylamide);  
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide),  
(3-thiophenemethylamide);  
30 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];  
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzooxadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, (4-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)  
amide, (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

5 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid bis-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl) ester;

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-chloro-benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-  
amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-methoxy-benzylamide);

10 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carboxy-benzylamide), and

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide), or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically  
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient

15 18. A method for inhibiting an MMP-13 enzyme in an animal, comprising  
administering to the animal an MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound  
of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. A method for treating a cancer, comprising administering to a patient  
having cancer and in need of treatment an anticancer effective amount of a  
20 compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20 A method for treating breast carcinoma, comprising administering to a  
patient having cancer and in need of treatment an anticancer effective  
amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt  
25 thereof

21. A method for treating heart failure, comprising administering to a patient  
in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. A method for treating inflammation, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
23. A method for treating osteoarthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
24. A method for treating rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
25. A method of treating a disease or disorder selected from cancer, heart failure, inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, and osteoarthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula II, III, IV, or V, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.